

Proclamation



WHEREAS,

GALEO is a 501c(3) nonprofit organization based in Norcross, Georgia and founded in 2003 by Jerry Gonzalez, Representative Sam Zamarripa, and Representative Pedro Marin; the organization is based in Norcross, Georgia, but has a strong presence in Metro Atlanta and communities with high Latino populations; and



WHEREAS,

GALEO strives for a better Georgia where the Latino population is engaged and building community, their contributions are respected, and policy measures reflect their values; and



WHEREAS,

GALEO's mission is to increase civic participation by educating and empowering the Latino community and to develop Latino leaders through strategic leadership programs throughout the state of Georgia; and



WHEREAS,

when GALEO was first established, Georgia's Latino community was not as well represented as it is today, nor was it a viable electoral force; today, there are nearly one million Latino citizens in Georgia, with over 400,000 registered to vote, up from just 10,000 in 2003; and



WHEREAS,

since its inception, GALEO has approached community organizing as a means through which the Georgia Latinx community's needs will be identified, shared, and addressed through empowerment, enhanced leadership skills, and opportunities for involvement;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, recognizes GALEO for highlighting the many contributions of the Latino community to the fabric of our society, and does hereby proclaim Wednesday, October 1, 2025, as **"GALEO APPRECIATION DAY"** in Fulton County, Georgia.



Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Sponsor

Chairman

Commissioner

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Commissioner

Attest:

Clerk to the Commission

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